

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3. (Amended)

Line 1, delete "or 2"

Claim 5. (Amended)

*a2* *subb* A method according to [any of the claims 1-4] ~~claim 1, wherein liquid is~~  
selectively introduced into the open first end part of the tubular body forming a  
nozzle.

Claim 10. (Amended)

Line 1, delete "or 9".

Claim 13. (Amended)

Line 1, delete "claims 11 or 12" and insert "--claim 11--".

Claim 14. (Amended)

*a3* *subb* An apparatus according to [any of the claims 8-13] ~~claim 8, further~~  
comprising a liquid delivery tube opening into the first end part of the tubular  
body, and means for selectively delivering liquid into the first end part of the  
tubular body via the delivery tube.

Claim 16. (Amended)

Line 1, delete "or 15".

Claim 17. (Amended)

*Subbly* An apparatus according to [any of the claims 8-16] claim 8, wherein the tubular body is in the form of a hose of a resilient material.

Claim 18. (Amended)

*Subbly* An apparatus according to [any of the claims 8-17] claim 8, wherein the electric motor is a brushless DC-motor.

Claim 19. (Amended)

*Subbly* An apparatus according to [any of the claims 8-18] claim 8, wherein the piston compressor comprises a crank shaft comprising crank sections interconnected with said pistons, adjacent crank sections being flexibly interconnected by a flexible coupling device.

Claim 23. (Amended)

*Subbly* An apparatus according to [any of the claims 20-22] claim 20, wherein a free end of the thread or wire extends transversely into at least one of said opposite ends of the tubular member and is received in a slot or recess formed in the corresponding shaft end.